Contacts of human rights activist with Pak intelligence agencies

2401. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent arrest of self-proclaimed human rights activist from the Kashmir Valley has revealed, closer contact with Pakistan intelligence agencies; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to prevent the infiltration of terrorist group and informers with the help of Pakistan intelligence agencies in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. A self-proclaimed human rights activist *viz.* Gh. Hassan Untoo r/o Pathanbag, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir was arrested by Police. He revealed his close contacts with Pakistan intelligence agencies.

(b) The Government, jointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Review of Assam Accord

2402. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has agreed to review the Assam Accord made with the All Assam Students Union (AASU); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Central Government has been holding tripartite meetings with representatives of Government of Assam and All

Assam Students Union (AASU) to review of implementation of Assam Accord. The last meeting was held on 1st February, 2005. Representatives of AASU, who were invited to this meeting did not attend.

(b) The details of action taken on various clauses of Assam Accord is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Assam Accord-status of clause-wise implementation

Clause 5.1 to 5.9—foreigners:

i. The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizenship Rules, 1956 and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.

ii. Eleven Tribunals under the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 have been created in Assam for identifying foreigners of 1966-71 streams.

iii. Special Registration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme.

iv. Sixteen Tribunals under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 have been created in Assam. 12,411 persons have been declared as illegal migrants and 1549 illegal migrants have been physically expelled till 30.11.2004.

v. Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 was amended in 1988.

Clause 6 & 7—Safeguards and Economic Development:

vi. A cultural centre called the Srimanta Shakaradeva Kalashetra Complex was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 18.85 crores under Assam Accord.

vii. Sri Juyoti Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati has been modernized.

viii. Numaligarh Refinery was set up at a cost of nearly Rs. 2,500 crores.

ix. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur and the other at Silcher, have been set up.

x. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati.

xi. Kathalguri Power Project (60MW) has been commissioned.

xii. Various other economic development programmes have been undertaken in furtherance of PM's initiative of 1996 and Shillong Conference, 2000.

Clause 8 to 14—Other Issues:

xiii. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.

xiv. Border fencing of 149.44 kms. out of 152.3 kms. sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangladesh border. 176 kms.of border roads have been completed. Proposal to fence the remaining 71.5 km. of border with Bangladesh have also been approved by the Government.

xv. Government has identified 28 BOPs as second line of defence to prevent infiltration. Of these 10 BOPs 5 each in Dhubri and Karimganj are already functioning.

xvi. Effective action has been taken to prevent encroachment of Government land and land in tribal belt and blocks.

xvii. Relevant laws restricting acquisition of immovable properties by foreigners in Assam are being enforced.

xviii. *Ex-gratia* payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.

xix. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

xx. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum to six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.

xxi. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.

Missing of children in metropolitan cities

2403. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 15,000 children go missing from the country's six metropolitan cities every year;